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Africa Region



South Africa

The Church of the Nazarene has been working in South Africa since 1919. A rich and diverse part of Africa, South Africa is often thought of in connection with “Apartheid”—a system or policy of segregation or discrimination on the grounds of race. With that, the name Nelson Mandela comes to mind, with his famous quote early in office as South Africa’s first Black President: “Each of us is as intimately attached to the soil of this beautiful country as are the famous jacaranda trees of Pretoria and the mimosa trees of the bushveld—a rainbow nation at peace with itself and the world.” Today, due to increased tribalism and political, social, and economic inequities, the “Rainbow Nation” is in danger of fragmentation. The Church of the Nazarene seeks to maintain a unified diversity—the work of grace in any context—across the Africa South Field, which includes the nations of South Africa, Eswatini, Lesotho, Botswana, Namibia, and Madagascar.



67,401 members



Fully Organized Churches; 122 Not Yet Organized Churches



174 District Licensed and 454 Ordained Ministers on 16 Districts

PRAYER



- Pray that God would continue to strengthen the churches in South Africa, and bless church leadership with wisdom and grace, maintaining unity in the Spirit.
- Pray for the five new pioneer districts being established across the Africa South Field.
- Pray for Nazarene Theological College-South Africa (NTC-SA), as it seeks to build a stronger educational system that will serve all the Africa South Field, which includes the countries listed above.
- Pray for the collaborative work of the Good News Conference Center (GNCC) and Nazarene Theological College as the GNCC seeks to support affordable ministerial training through NTC-SA.

PRAISE



- We praise God that He continues to call men and women into ministry and missions in the Africa South Field, and for opportunities to plant new churches across South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Madagascar, and Namibia (these countries will be covered in future NMI Central releases).
- We praise God for the stories of transformation taking place across the Africa South Field, and for growing faithfulness in carrying out the mission of God in Africa and around the world.



Donations for the displaced in KZN following the floods

Regardless of the many challenges faced in South Africa, the churches have found that the faithful practice of prayer and fasting can change everything. In January, churches of the Nazarene across the Africa South Field engaged in prayer and fasting for pastors, districts, fields, regions, the global church, evangelism efforts, discipleship initiatives, and Nazarene Theological College in South Africa.



(Children prayed and fasted for over three hours in the Thulamahashe Church of the Nazarene.)

The scriptures encourage the people of God to faithfully give of themselves and their resources to support the work of God, joyfully joining Him in His mission to ALL. In South Africa, and across the Africa South Field, Nazarenes are faithfully tithing and supporting the work of the Church of the Nazarene at both the local and global levels. This giving helps the church to carry out the Great Commission, winning the lost for the Kingdom of God. By learning how to faithfully steward the resources God provides (however great or small), the people of God begin to see that God is the owner of all we have. World Evangelism giving is a top priority here. Having received so much over many years, the Church of the Nazarene in South Africa and on the Africa South Field is determined to do its part in seeing a continent and a world changed by God. He calls us to “break down the walls of dependency, raising people out of a ‘poverty mentality.’ By restoring trust, and raising the standard of giving and holy living, the church is realizing the beauty of unity in our African diversity, and by reclaiming our holiness heritage, and living it out faithfully, South Africa can be made new.”

Could You Serve?

Is God calling you to use your gifts to support the work in the Africa South field? For more information, click [here](#).



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